



INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/EP2004/004118

Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
  - ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
    - ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
    - ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
    - ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
  - ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
  - ☒ the description:
    - pages 1-13 \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
    - pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
    - pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☒ the claims:
    - nos. \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
    - nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
    - nos.\* 1 \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on 05.03.2005 with the letter of 04.0.32005
    - nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☒ the drawings:
    - sheets 1/2-2/2 \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
    - sheets\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
    - sheets\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
  - ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ the claims, nos. \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
  - ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ the claims, nos. \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

\* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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**Box No. V** Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

**2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)**

1. This report makes reference to the following documents:

D1: US-B1-6 420 796 (LAGERWEY HENDRIK LAMBERTUS)  
16 July 2002

2. The present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1), because the subject matter of claim 1 does not involve an inventive step within the meaning of PCT Article 33(3).

2.1 D1 is regarded as the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1. It discloses (the reference signs in parentheses refer to D1):

a method for operating a wind park consisting of several wind energy facilities (1), the operational procedures of each wind energy facility being controlled so as to draw as little electrical power from the network as necessary (column 1, lines 58-63) and such that electrical energy used to start up a wind energy facility is drawn from a local direct current network (column 4, lines 42-56;

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column 5, lines 5-13) .

2.2 Therefore, the subject matter of claim 1 differs from the known method in that electrical energy for starting up a wind energy facility is drawn from one or several wind energy facilities already in production mode and that a maximum amount of electrical power to be drawn from the network can be predetermined.

2.3 Consequently, the subject matter of claim 1 is novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

2.4 The problem to be solved by the present invention can therefore be regarded as that of providing a method for operating a wind park with several wind energy facilities in which operational procedures are carried out with a limited amount of power drawn from the network.

2.5 The solution to this problem as proposed in claim 1 of the present application involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)) for the following reasons:

Proceeding from D1, a person skilled in the art could, in order to solve the problem of interest, provide a method in which the electrical energy required to start up a wind energy facility is drawn from one or more wind energy facilities already in production mode in the local direct current network.

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It is not obvious to a person skilled in the art,  
however, to take into account in this method a  
maximum amount of electrical power that can be drawn  
from the network for each wind energy facility.